

CPP ANNUAL USE OF CAPITAL SURVEY - 2010



NAME OF INSTITUTION

(Include Holding Company Where Applicable)

Bern Bancshares, Inc.

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Date Funded (first funding):	February 13, 2009	City:	Bern
Date Repaid ¹ :	N/A	State:	Kansas

¹If repayment was incremental, please enter the most recent repayment date.

American taxpayers are quite interested in knowing how banks have used the money that Treasury has invested under the Capital Purchase Program (CPP) and Community Development Capital Initiative (CDCI). To answer that question, Treasury is seeking responses that describe generally how the CPP/CDCI investment has affected the operation of your business. We understand that once received, the cash associated with TARP funding is indistinguishable from other cash sources, unless the funds were segregated, and therefore it may not be feasible to identify precisely how the CPP/CDCI investment was deployed or how many CPP/CDCI dollars were allocated to each use. Nevertheless, we ask you to provide as much information as you can about how you have used the capital Treasury has provided, and how your uses of that capital have changed over time. Treasury will be pairing this survey with a summary of certain balance sheet and other financial data from your institution's regulatory filings, so to the extent you find it helpful to do so, please feel free to refer to your institution's quarterly call reports to illustrate your answers. This is your opportunity to speak to the taxpayers in your own words, which will be posted on our website.

What specific ways did your institution utilize CPP/CDCI capital? Check all that apply and elaborate as appropriate, especially if the uses have shifted over time. Your responses should reflect actions taken over the past year (or for the portion of the year in which CPP/CDCI funds were outstanding).

☒ **Increase lending or reduce lending less than otherwise would have occurred.**

Loan balances have increased from \$25,170 in 01/01/09 to \$28,571 12/31/09 to \$32,173 12/31/10

☒ **To the extent the funds supported increased lending, please describe the major type of loans, if possible (residential mortgage loans, commercial mortgage loans, small business loans, etc.).**

Loan growth has been spread throughout all categories, with individual and agricultural loans up the greatest per centage.

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☒ **Increase securities purchased (ABS, MBS, etc.).**

Securities balances have increased from \$\$25,708 at the beginning of 2010 to \$26,315 as of 12/31/10.

☐ **Make other investments.**

☒ **Increase reserves for non-performing assets.**

Allowances for loan losses have been increased in 2009 and 2010.

☐ **Reduce borrowings.**

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☐ Increase charge-offs.

☐ Purchase another financial institution or purchase assets from another financial institution.

☒ Held as non-leveraged increase to total capital.

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What actions were you able to avoid because of the capital infusion of CPP/CDCI funds?

The infusion of the CPP funds has allowed the bank to continue to grow by not having to restrict our lending by utilizing the funds as a safety net.

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What actions were you able to take that you may not have taken without the capital infusion of CPP/CDCI funds?

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Please describe any other actions that you were able to undertake with the capital infusion of CPP/CDCI funds.

The bank has been able to explore options of acquiring other financial institutions and other financial entities.